

Top journalists to speak at UB

*Conference on
covering the U.N.
to be held April 8*

The University of Bridgeport student newspaper, The Scribe, and UB's New England Center for International and Regional Studies will host a one-day journalism conference on Wednesday, April 8th, 1998.

The conference will feature presentations by noted journalists and correspondents: Tom Osborne, ABC News; Roy Gutman, Newsday; Evelyn Leopold, Reuters; and Betsy Pisik, The Washington Times.

The conference, entitled "Covering the United Nations: Journalism or Diplomacy," will be held at UB's Arnold Bernhard Center, 84 Iranistan Avenue, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Registration and breakfast begin at 8:15 a.m. Opening remarks by UB President Dr. Richard Rubenstein, Dr. Anthony Guerra, Dean of the College of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies, and Nickolai Kravov, co-editor of The Scribe, start at 9:00 a.m., followed by the journalists' presentations.

In addition, there will be a discussion panel following the presentations, moderated by NEC's director of administration Sharyn Skeeter.

According to Skeeter, the public's assumption is that the press reports on people and events affecting our times.

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Campus turns into beach in March



The summer temperatures gave an early start to sun-bathing on campus.

by Geetha
Tharmaratnam

When I woke up last Friday morning and heard an amazingly cheerful voice on the radio announce that the temperature for the day was

going to be 72 degrees, I thought that I had tuned into a radio station in the Caribbean by mistake. Nope, I was wrong, and I am not too proud to admit it.

I was thrilled when I stepped out of my dorm and

with the top down. Wait, I told myself, did it not snow a few days ago? Well, I was definitely not going to complain about this gorgeous weather.

Everywhere I went, I saw signs of an early spring. Students were strolling around wearing bright, cool clothes, dark sunglasses, sandals, and even brighter, sunny smiles. I finally opened my eyes, you know the ones that had been constantly squinting against the bitter, win-

ter winds? What I saw were pink blossoms gracing the bushes on the pedestrian mall, a mauve crocus peeping through the grass in front of the mailroom, and bunches of yellow daffodils outside the student center. Made, missed?

Seaside Park was full of hustle and bustle this whole weekend, and not just because the guys were playing baseball there. Dogs and children ran around, and quite frankly, it was cute! Ahh... it is so nice to wake up nowadays to the sound of chirping birds, roaring motorcycles, and bass pumping out of several different cars at the same time.

I do hope that spring is here to stay. To that end, I lay my offerings at the feet of the spring goddess and hope that she is in a merry mood.



Azeallias in bloom this week in front of Carlson Hall.

New UB viewbook in the works

by Lucas Mc Cloud

Leneker Design has a new idea to bring in even more students this upcoming fall.

Not only will they design a new viewbook for prospective students to look at, but they will have current students help them do it.

On March 26, approximately 13 freshman and sophomores met on the sixth floor of the Wahlstrom Library to exchange ideas with Leneker Design on the new viewbook.

Leneker Design created the last UB viewbook which is several years old now. In fact, most of the students featured in the previous viewbook have graduated already.

Joel Leneker, president of Leneker Design, said that administration has hired his company once again to do the viewbook, and that he works hopes that a better sense of what UB is all about can be conveyed to prospective students.

The students who represented UB were of various backgrounds, socially, culturally, and academically. They were chosen precisely for those reasons though.

They were of two classes, freshman, represented by Geetha Tharmaratnam, Tamera Bronson, Lucas Mc Cloud, John Musser, Tiffany Henery, Jaclyn Platt, Gaurav Bhatia, and sophomores, represented by Noman Pasha Erkin, Ashok Regmi, Luisa Guzman, Arman

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Need a haircut? It's easy

by Geetha
Tharmaratnam

It is well known that if you need a haircut, the place to go is Bodine Hall - to student Hosik Choi. The reason why he cuts hair is because he "loves cutting hair," he said.

He has been successfully snipping away for the past two years and has yet to hear a complaint. Of course, the fact that he is the master of the Tae Kwon Do club may have something to do with that.

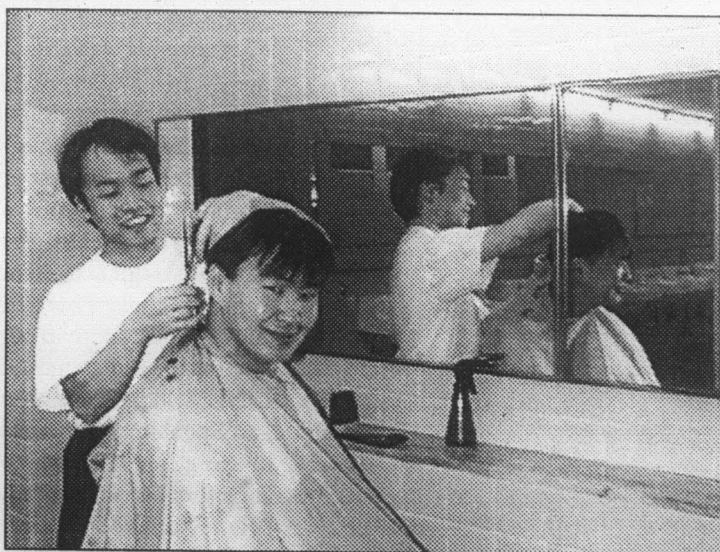
He is a Computer Science major who just exercises with a pair of scissors in his spare time. That is, when he is not

busy practicing with the members of the taikwondo club, or teaching Korean to children on Sundays.

Choi served the mandatory term of two and a half years in the army in Korea, his homeland, where he was a radio operator. It was here that he met two barbers, also serving, who used to cut each other's hair.

When one barber was discharged first, the other decided to teach the skills of his trade to a deserving person. Choi was chosen. So for two years, he cut hair in the army,

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Hosik Choi masterfully handles the scissors on one of many long-waiting clients.

News

Protests against asphalt plant continue

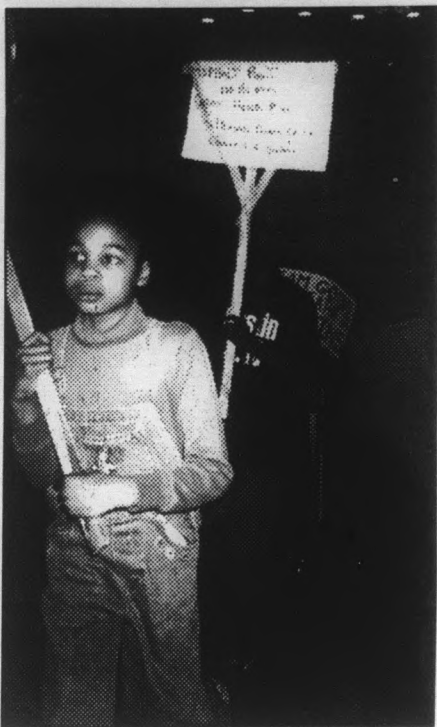
by Yasuko Uchihori

More than 20 UB students showed their opposition against the proposed asphalt plant, concerned about the future of the city of Bridgeport, as well as their own UB, at City Hall on March 23. Nearly 300 people, protested the plan of constructing the facility in the their neighborhood and attended the public hearing in City Hall Council Chambers.

Raymond Rizio, an attorney for the Nine State Street Associates, the South End residents, and the opposition to the plant, each nearly gave testimony that took five hours. The concern was whether the proposal of the facility at 1095 South Avenue in the South End is too close to Sea Side Village.

The City's Planning and Zoning Commission will announce their decision whether or not they will permit the plant to be built at the next meeting a month later. Public hearing on proposal of the second asphalt plant, proposed to be located at the entrance to Pleasure Beach in the East End, will take place at the same time.

Mr. Rizio emphasized in his testimony that the site should be used because "this property remains a heavy industrial zone." He also mentioned that it wouldn't create "an impact on future developments." Mr. Rizio explained how the plant will function and work by showing the blueprints and stated that every issue such as noise, fumes, and health problems, that neighbors are concerned about should



Even young Bridgeport residents protested against the asphalt plant.

be solved because everything will operate inside of the facility. "It will not effect the neighborhood, everything is done inside," said Mr. Rizio.

However, Paul Boucher, president of the Sea Side Village, said, "We are

not sure if they can control every issue," since other asphalt plants in other cities have created problems which are difficult to solve.

Toyohiro Miyata, vice-president of Student Congress, expressed that the, "University of Bridgeport should not allow nor sacrifice the educational environment for the sake of the asphalt plant's profitability." The asphalt plant will be located right behind the major buildings, and Mr. Miyata is very concerned about this and said, "Students have to raise their voices."

In the middle of Mr. Rizio's speech, several children started to raise signs that were marked "P&Z Say No to Asphalt Plant," and walked around in the Council Chambers and later, many followed them.

An attorney for the residents pointed out that, "the class of noise," the company would release is, "illegal in state regulations."

More than 20 residents, officials and community leaders made a long line to speak out and present their opposing opinions against the plant.

Jim Garland, president of South End Public Safety Committee, spoke

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A whole new Marina

by Puneet Batra

As the season changed, it seemed like things at Marina Dining Hall had begun to change too. The changes this time however, seemed to be for the better, bringing sighs of relief.

Responsible for these changes have been the staff at Marina Dining Hall who are highly motivated to satisfy the close-to-four-hundred stomachs they feed everyday. Leading the staff on has been Bill Zimnoch, new Food Services Director for Marriot Management Services at the University of Bridgeport. Bill has enthusiastically restarted the Food Services Committee comprising of Dean Janet Meritt, himself and a group of student from varying ethnic backgrounds.

The main objective of this committee has been to provide a means of communication between the guests and the staff at Marina. Discussions at their bi-weekly meeting range from specifics such as the thickness of the chocolate syrup served to wider topics such as improving the quality of air inside the cafeteria.

Members of the committee randomly talk to patrons eating with them welcoming suggestions and comments, which are then brought up and discussed before the rest of the panel. The committee welcomes any complaints and suggestions that the patrons might have although it is difficult to work on vague suggestions that "the food sucks". Patrons can also e-mail their comments and suggestions to HYPERLINK at betterfood@poboxes.com

Speaking of complaining, the missing ice creams were definitely something to scream about. Their reappearance, however, owed to the repair of the freezer, brought a smile back on

everyone's faces. New appearances this semester included the changed, better tasting pizza, freshly baked muffins and two new bars – the waffle bar and the gourmet salad bar, both of which have become popular among students and faculty alike.

Another source of thrill and excitement was the March Madness Special which was in celebrations of the basketball tournament of the same name. Guests were served a huge variety of fast foods, which blended in extremely well with their fast paced lives. Also a part of the celebration was a lottery in which a number of surprised students returned to their rooms with a shining new basketball.

This upward trend however, does not stop here. One of the major projects that the committee is focusing upon is to improve the ventilation system within the dining hall. Guests have often complained of a foul smell that clings on to their clothes after a trip to Marina. Also, non-smoking guests dislike being forced to inhale the cigarette smoke caused by smokers who are at no fault either.

Other projects on the agenda include beautifying the interiors of Marina to make it more appealing. Now, with the televisions finally being made use of, students can check out the latest music videos while rushing through a meal before class.

Hopefully though, students will continue to cooperate so that the improvements go on. Students can now voice their opinions directly to either Bill himself or to any member of the food committee. Also, if they wish to do so, they can e-mail these comments to the address mentioned earlier, making it easier for them to get what they want.

UB becomes member of Park Avenue Partnership

by Seemanti Borkotoky

The Board of Trustees recently approved UB as a member of The Park Avenue Partnership, which is a collaboration of different groups including the South End Community Center, Park City Primary Care, and other community based groups.

The aim of the partnership is to restore Bridgeport's past glory, and to improve and develop the South End so that it is a better place to live.

They plan to do this by supporting each other's objectives and obtaining financial assistance from government and private sources.

James Garland, associate vice-president of administration, said that this partnership will benefit UB tremendously. "Participation in the Park Ave. Partnership emphasizes UB's dedication towards the Bridgeport community."

The University students will also benefit from this as they can broaden their experience by interacting with people of different social classes and cultural diversity." He also feels that the South End's development would give the University good publicity.

The plan is still in its formative stages and awaits approval by the Board of Trustees of the other proposed partners. These include the Mercy Learning Center, the Roosevelt School, and the Prospect House, all major service providers for the South End.

One of the proposed major projects to be undertaken is the development of a new wellness center. This center will provide good health care at a reasonable cost to the people.

Dean's Open Door Policy

Dean Anthony J. Guerra
College of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies

Every Tuesday
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Security trains new recruits for bike patrol

by Geetha Tharmaratnam

The orange plastic traffic cones in the parking lot behind the Academic Resource Center have been more than a decoration. This past week, Corporal Ralph Gonzalez has been busy training new recruits for the Campus Security bike patrol there.

Cpt. Gonzalez has been with Campus Security for several years and now, was certified with the Bridgeport Police Department in August 1996. This certification applies to mountain bike police riding. He bases his training on the police's own regime. "This gives the recruits, once successful, an advantage when they do go to the police for certification," Cpt. Gonzalez told the Scribe.

At present, there are four security officers on campus who have been certified by the police. That is an extra qualification as Campus Security

only requires that the bike patrol officers pass through their own testing.

"The training of new riders was put off because of winter," said April J. De Palmer. "But the break in the weather means that it can now continue."

Two or three recruits are trained at a time by Gonzalez who has been a bike patrol coordinator since November 1996. There are eight officers on bicycles right now, and soon, weather permitting, there will be more.

Training is spread out over three days and is six hours long. It begins with a film on safety. Thereafter, the recruits are given talks on different ways to converse with and to approach people. The physical course prepares them by teaching them about dodging objects and people without damaging or hurting them. Also, it shows them how to mount and dismount quickly and effectively. The final test



Officer Louis on bike patrol.

necessitates them to go through a set course in three minutes or under.

The criteria to be a bicycle patrol officer is basically physical fitness. Most officers want to be on bike patrol. Ms. De Palmer said, "At first, they were laughed at by students, but no longer." It is an asset to the officers personally, as it enables them to stay healthy and, at the beginning of spring, to lose all the winter weight gained.

Cpt. Gonzalez is called a

"floater," as he can go from one end of the campus to the other, rather than being forced to stay within certain perimeters.

The bike patrol has several advantages, for instance, their response time is faster than that of the foot patrol or vehicle patrol. The security vehicle has to stop for traffic and people can only run so fast, but the bikes are not restrained much by terrain and they are faster than humans.

The visibility of the officers has increased due to the fact that the riders are not stationary. The very fact that they are out and about makes it seem that there are more officers than there really are.

The bike patrol is an effective crime deterrent and a quick respondent to crime. This makes for a safer campus. It is hoped that this program continues to do as well as it has been doing.

Journalists, from page 1

The purpose of this one-day conference is to examine the dynamics of modern-day press coverage and the effect on the public. Is press coverage informing the public or leading it to preconceived conclusions? This is an exciting and timely topic and we are privileged to have such highly qualified journalists to discuss the media and its messages."

For registration and information call (203)576-4382, fax (203)576-4493 or e-mail: scribe@cse.bridgeport.edu.

Scribe Meeting
TODAY
8:30 p.m.
Student Center
Rm. 244



Telemarketers and bosses all ready to leave office.

Telemarketers go to Broadway

by Fabiola Trivino

Witnessing the lights, the great music, and the marvelous performances of Broadway is not a dream for the UB Telemarketing Team anymore. Dean of Admissions, Suzanne Wilcox, and the Director of the Telemarketing, Lisa Camagna, and the group of students that compose the telemarketing staff had the opportunity to see the Broadway masterpieces, "Phantom of the Opera," and "Les Miserables," on March 28.

The excitement of the telemarketers was very noticeable during the play and even after it was over. Luisa Guzman, a telemarketing member, said that she was amazed of the way they set up the stage for every single act of the "Phantom of the Opera." After

the play, it was very easy to see the telemarketers, especially, Ms. Guzman, happily singing the different songs of the show in Times Square.

Ms. Wilcox invited the telemarketing team to her house for dinner that was kindly cooked by her husband, John.

The students had a lot of fun during the trip to New York, especially commenting about the embarrassment of the President of UB Rotaract, Ashok Regmi, when he broke a table after sitting on it, thinking it was a stool, at Ms. Wilcox's house.

Going to Broadway is an experience that all the telemarketers will always remember, and perhaps Ms. Wilcox might withhold some money from Ashok's check to pay for that broken table.



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invite you to:

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Betsy Pisik, *The Washington Times*

Tom Osborne, *ABC News*

Evelyn Leopold, *Reuters*

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Arnold Bernhard Center, Tower Room

Campus Life

Students get help at ARC

by Arman Gevorgyan

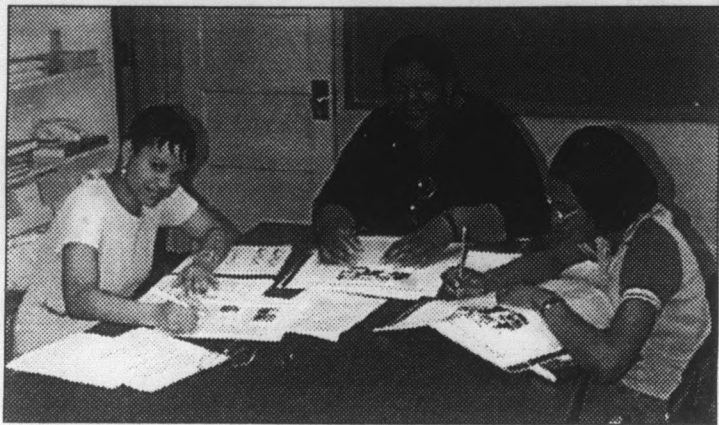
Scream for help and who will hear? Scholastically, the Academic Resource Center, or ARC, will.

The ARC, which is certified with the College Reading and Learning Association, is staffed with co-directors Roxie Ray and Marianne Tecun, secretary Marcy Maya, graduate interns, workstudy tutors, and volunteers.

The ARC provides one-on-one tutoring sessions for most subjects that are lectured at UB. The standard length of a session is one hour.

The ARC also offers study-group arrangements for the core courses such as Humanities, Social Sciences, and Algebra. For those students who want to improve their skills of conversational English, there are sessions where they are able to talk to the tutors.

The ARC also has several educational computer programs. "Perfect Copy," will help those students who wish to better their grammar use and spelling. "Alge-Blaster," is a great tutor in mathematics: it



Co-director Roxie Ray in a workshop session at the ARC.

is very user-friendly and is suitable for different levels of preparation.

There is a wide-held belief that mostly unsuccessful students seek help at the ARC. The truth is, according to the statistics kept by the ARC, a significant portion of the ARC's clients boast a Q.P.R. of 3.0 or higher.

If you come to the ARC, a tutor could help to prepare for a math quiz or assist in managing a physics homework assignment. A writing assistant could help you brainstorm and make an outline for your paper. Or, if the paper is already written, he or she

could assist you resolve your doubts about the grammar.

"ARC tutors are friendly and competent. They are a great help to me," said Kedeisha Grant, a frequent visitor to the ARC. "I come to the ARC and it makes my life so much easier," said Eun Joo Park, a freshman.

The ARC is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students should call at ext. 4290 and make an appointment to visit. All the ARC services are free of charge.

NEC awards honorary fellow titles

The New England Center for International and Regional Studies (NEC) at the University of Bridgeport conferred the title of Honorary Fellow on Dr. Julio Macchi, the chairman of the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange, and on Dr. Sergei Morozov, CEO of Moscow's Elbim Bank.

The ceremony was held on Wednesday, April 1, 1998 at 6 p.m. at the Arnold Bernhard Center.

Both honorees spoke on international business and social sciences at UB. "NEC honors politicians, economists and business people who have made significant contributions in emerging markets countries," said NEC director Stoyan Ganev.

"Both Dr. Macchi and Dr. Morozov are outstanding representatives in their fields and deserving of the Honorary Fellow title. By conferring these titles, NEC not only honors the recipients, but also underscores the importance of its mission," Dr. Ganev said.

Dr. Macchi's work in the areas of Latin American studies and finance of emerging market countries include his participation in the founding of the Caja de Valores SA, the Argentine securities central depository and custodian. He is vice-president of Banco de Valores SA and has written and lectured extensively in his field.

Dr. Morozov, CEO of Moscow's Elbim Bank, is both a financier and author of articles on both finance and medicine. He is also a financier educator and medicine engineer.

A dinner in the Tower Room of ABC followed the ceremony.

Questions, Comments, Opinions?
Send us your editorials online at scribe@cse.bridgeport.edu

International Festival

April 18, 1998

You have one more day to sign up

Tickets are available in room 117 in the Student Center.

Students: \$10.00

Adults: \$15.00

Family Tickets: \$35.00

(Two adults and up to four children under 18)

University of Bridgeport

Career Fair – April 8

Student Center, Social Room 11-4pm

- All UB Students Invited !!!
- Dress Well
- Bring Resumes
- Jobs and Summer Internships
- 40+ Major Employers

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Renaissance Software
Worldwide
Saks
SNET
Starr Financial Group
Stop & Shop of Fairfield
The Guardian Life
The Silicon Valley Group
Town of Windsor
Vantage Staffing
Walgreens
Young & Rubicam/Army Group

Campus Life



The Office of International Affairs put flags of countries represented at UB in the Student Center. If your flag is missing, talk to Dawn Valenti.

Art department to hold showcase

by Ikenna Emehelu

The early registration period for the Fall 1998 semester is fast approaching and many students still do not know what courses they would like to take next semester.

The Integrated Media Arts Department plans to take care of this problem. The department will host a Departmental Showcase on Tuesday, April 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the sixth floor of the Arnold Bernhard Center.

According to the head of the department, Professor Sean Nixon, the department wishes to use the opportunity to present itself to the rest of the university.

He noted that classes at the department are not like regular art classes. The classes combine modern digital technology with hundreds-of-years old techniques of painting to produce unique works. Professor Nixon further stressed that the classes are ideal as electives because most of them are "user friendly."

The department is inviting every-

body, even those who do not consider themselves, "creative."

As Professor Nixon explains, the classes can teach anyone how to create attractive layouts for resumes, letters, business cards, or even flyers for parties or meetings. These are skills everybody, no matter their major, needs. He added that, "even Yale Medical School now requires its students to study art appreciation to teach the students how to observe."

Some artworks produced by the department can be seen at the seventh floor of the Bernhard Center. These works were done as projects for the classes.

In one case, students redesigned the packaging of CDs they did not like. The CDs they produced were so realistic that people kept asking if they were for sale. Eventually, a remodeled Windows 95 CD was stolen from the gallery and a replica is currently on display.

Faculty members from the department will be around to explain the benefits of the courses to guests at the forum over refreshments.

EXPENDITURE FOR '97-'98

SCBOD	CLUBS	STUDENT CONGRESS EXPENSES
6276.00	11150.70	1601.7
TOTAL	19028.40	

BUDGET OUTLOOK FOR SPRING '98

97-'98 BUDGET	34000+5194.32
	\$ 39,194.32

PRESENT EXPENSES 19028.40

MONEY ALLOCATED

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCBOD	4,923.65
TV	1,440.00
CLUBS waiting for checks	12,147.40
Allocations made	1,200.00
TOTAL MONEY ALLOCATED	19,711.05
REMAINING FUNDS	\$ 454.87

Student Congress Progress Report:

The following is a Financial Report of our expenditures for the 1997-98 announcements are as follows:

1. The last Financial Committee Meeting will be on Friday April 3rd at 7:00pm in the Student Congress Office.
2. Elections Petitions will be available after April 19th.
3. Reminder Club Presidents must turn in receipts, minutes of at least two meeting with attendance sheets.
4. A qualification review of currently elected Student Congress members is still underway results at next Joint Student Congress meeting.

Op-Ed

Editorials

Zoom! Vroom! Spring Comes!

Spring is here or so the passed few warm days would indicate. A midst the warm breeze you can hear the birds chirping, see the purple and yellow crocuses blooming, and the buds coming out on the trees. In addition to the noisy green parrots that roost in the pines near Barnum Hall another strange noise can be detected.

It starts off as a low buzz like a fly or angry wasp caught in a window and then accentuates into a near sonic roar similar to an F-16 fighter plane and almost going as fast. This noise belongs to a unique South End group of animals - the motorcycle people!

Come out and watch! They don't charge for their amazing street stunts. Did you get a chance to see them riding pop-a-wheelies? The longest ride lasted from the Perry Arch to just beyond the handicapped parking zone in front of Whalstrom library! In addition, the going record on the street from the flashing yellow lights which signify "Start" until Seaside Park is 11 seconds by car and 9.3 by motorcycle!

For those of you who love contact sports the best seats are on the grass just in front of the Health Center. The majority of incidents are just good old near misses. The best viewing times are Friday nights and Saturday afternoons.

However, if you want to see a crash we recommend catching a tan in between classes on the Health Center lawn during business hours as this is the time for the most congested flow of traffic. Or you could wait for next Halloween a couple hours after midnight - and this folks is where the jokes and sarcasm ends.

The intersection of Park Avenue and Linden is

potentially deadly and on November 1st it proved to be just that for UB Sophomore Robert Schweizer aged only 19!

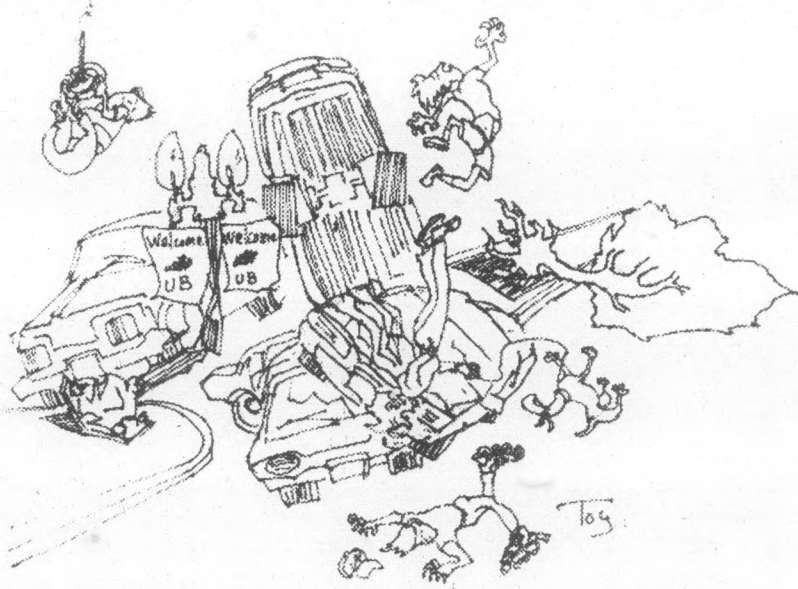
Furthermore, the seventh of a list of non-fatal crashes occurred in the exact same intersection just last week. Lucky for the parties involved it was broad daylight and there had not been any heavy rains. The two vehicles were able to apply their brakes in time to avoid another fatal crash. Robert wasn't so lucky.

The efforts that have been suggested to improve the intersection and in general the motorcycle people phenomena must be applauded. Originally, speed bumps were suggested but as it turns out Park Ave is a special evacuation route in case the Long Island sounds floods and therefore bumps may not be put in.

The South End Public Safety Committee met with a local politician Pat Crossin who represents our part of town at City Hall. As a result signs were put in that remind the motorcycle people that pedestrians have the right of way, just in case they didn't have to answer that question on their motorcycle written driving test.

Something more must be done! The safety of every student and person walking across Park Ave. is in jeopardy if some more action is not taken. This issue has been discussed in Student Congress and even the Board of Trustees have been notified and no action has been taken.

Don't we owe it to the parents of Robert Schweizer to make this road which is the main artery into the heart of our campus safer? Or should we just keep waiting until we need to notify another student's parents?



Financial aid reminder

By now, most students have already received and completed their Renewal Application or Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 1998/99 award year. If you haven't filed your application yet, you need to do so immediately!

For students who would like to file via the internet, the web address is www.fafsa.ed.gov. This website allows students to file their application electronically (and immediately) and has several edit checks built in to assure that there are no filing errors.

Just a final note to mention that financial aid applications are up by 30% as compared to last year. This means that students whose applications are received after the April 15th deadline may, once again, find more loans in their award package than they had last year. So get that application filed immediately!

If you need assistance or have any questions, please do not hesitate to stop by our office which is located on the 6th floor of the Wahlstrom Library.

Computers in the Student Center?

The student centers at Sacred Heart, Fairfield University, and Albertus Magnus College are all bustling with activity pretty much round the clock. An observer might say they are what Student Centers are intended to be, the hub in which the campus revolves.

In fact, the John J. Wilcox Student Center could potentially be that hub. The ashtrays and international flags secured by the Ajisebe Student Congress administration help make the place more respectable. Wednesday nights also see a sort of bustle. In one room we find a group of Christians studying the bible, downstairs in the Private Dining room Student Congress is either conducting a Joint meeting or either the House and Senate are meeting. In addition, the Latino Student club meets in the lobby and as usual there are the T-Maria regulars that are somewhat immune to all that second-hand smoke and pieces of undergraduate art that line the walls. Slowly campus social activity is picking up. Have you checked out the freshman run coffee house yet?

However, in order to really create a campus center the computers that originally were promised to be placed in the Student Center, should be placed in the Student Center not the Tech building. A student survey was conducted and students want them to be in the Student Center.

Originally, these computers were for general use. That means the Computer Science majors would retain use of the labs in Dana and the Business majors would have their lab in Madeville. The rest of us poor Art, Humanities, & Social Sciences majors, including Education and Human Resource majors would actually have a place to type out a paper and correspond via e-mail with the rest of the known world.

This is not the case. Several students on different occasions went to the Tech building to use the "general use" lab only to find it being used by a Computer Science class and even though three terminals were still opened they still were prevented from using them. The prevention of this situation lies in bringing the lab home to John J. Wilcox where we have a natural security for overzealous professors the Student Development Staff.

At one point the Library was suggested for the computer lab and we all know that UB has a part-time at best library compared to other schools of the same tuition. For instance, the Student Center was closed during Spring Break. Yet, Chiropractic students had mid-term examinations during this week. The Chiropractic students are the cash paying students that deserve at least a place to study for their money. Furthermore, to have a computer lab in the library would mean all papers would have to be written by 10 pm.

Because Whalstrom is a part-time, in terms of hours, library (not in terms of quality of staff - we all very much appreciate Ms. Smiga's labors) the computer lab isn't feasible there. And the placement of the lab in the Tech building seems to be a feint on the part of the administration to appease the mass of students who are part of the computer bourgeois "have not my own PC" - yet.

Our campus needs a center and by the administration living up to its promise to place computers in the John J. Cox building such a hub could be created. This would radically change the use of the Student Center and it would no longer be just that brick building with the broken clock you pass on your way to Marina. This small move would link-up our undergraduate student body beyond Marina Dining Hall and with a little initiative maybe even provide a 24 hr. study environment to round out the part-time Wahlstrom research center.

Letters to the editor

Professor responds to student issues

The Scribe's March 12th editorial in praise of "volunteers" was personally gratifying, but know that nine-to-five academics/program administrators make atrocious professors. You would mark them immediately as worthless. Some UB faculty and administrators have more visible roles than others, but do not mistake an individual's lack of visibility with his or her lack of concern for the common good.

Frederick Douglass, a nineteenth century newspaper publisher and American Dreamer (Scribe, Letter to the Editor, Feb 12), would surely question your recent editorial claim that the "altruistic volunteer spirit ... made America what it is today," but he defended your advisory role by writing that "those who profess to favor freedom, and yet deprecate agitation, are ... [persons] who want rain without thunder and lightning." To inform may mean to agitate for increased involvement in campus life.

Two public figures committed to enhancing that campus life, whose staff you described as overworked and understaffed (Scribe, Feb 26), are Dean of Students Janet Merritt and Director of Student Life David Oestreicher. They are currently criticized by vociferous student protesters for their insensitivity and "oppression." But would student leaders be better to target non-liquor dormitory regulations rather than demanding removal of the messenger? Let freedom "rain."

Prof. Lamont D. Thomas

Father reads The Scribe online in Ohio

My daughter is a student at the University of Bridgeport and it is nice to know you people put together this paper online so that parents in Ohio can see what's happening on-campus in Bridgeport. Keep up the good work and thanks.

Alan W. Householder

Former chief editor recalls Scribe years

Came across the UB web page, which in turn got me here, to you.

As a former Scribe editor-in-chief in 1952-53, and an advisor in 1954, many wonderful memories suddenly flew by. In those days our SCRIBE office was a tiny corner of the top floor of Loyala Hall, now the Student Center building. Howard Boone Jacobson was our faculty advisor and mentor. He started most of us on our writing careers. Mine took me to New York Ad agencies as Creative Director in two or three, before starting my own shop. My current interest in newspapers is reading the NYTimes, either before or after Golf.

I can fill in some info regarding UB, SCRIBE staffers, etc., during that era, in case anyone is interested. Continued success with "our" campus paper.

Gary Singer
Sedona, Arizona

Student Poll

To what extent do you use the Career Center when looking for job opportunities?



"Not much....In fact, never at all."

Anand Narayanan



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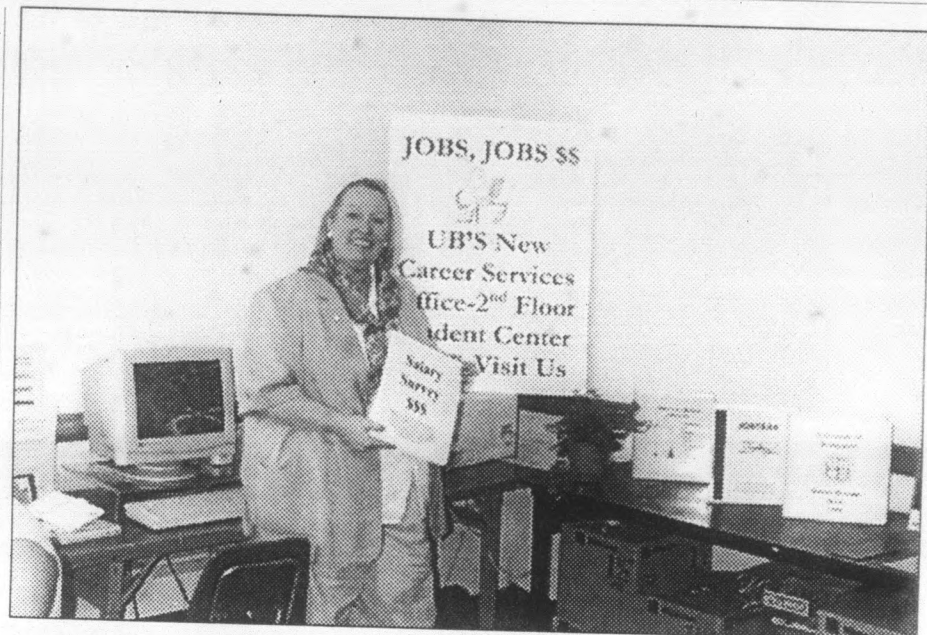
"I went there once, but didn't ehlp me much. Guess I'll drop by again to check it out."

Su-Lin Lim



"I go there on a regular basis to check out if there are new jobs available."

Jianen Chen



Lynette Wood, director of career services is busy putting together a promising job fair on April 8. More than 40 companies will recruit at UB.

Book, from page 1

Gevorgyan, Jen Svelnys and Beylul Solomon.

Also present was Dale Powell, a junior.

These questions encompassed a range of topics, from how did you hear about UB to what are UB's good points and bad points to what made you decide to come to UB. The answers too, were diverse and varied.

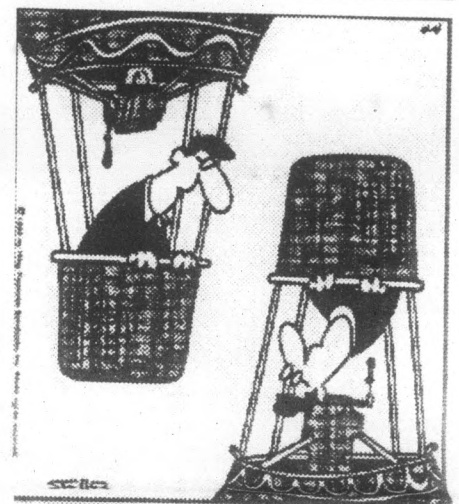
Every student there had received financial aid or a scholarship of some kind, and for some that was a major reason to come.

Some got to know UB through a viewbook, while others through college fairs, and friends. UB's strengths included personal attention to students while its weaknesses included the quality of the food, according to the students there.

At the end of the meeting, each student was given a camera and told to take pictures of what they felt captured the essence of UB.

This could be the dining hall, the classrooms, the dorms, the neighborhood, or virtually anything else related to the campus. Leneker Design will use the pictures to help them form the concept for and the viewbook itself.

The new viewbook will be ready for the Fall 1998 semester.



"I think one of us has a little problem."

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Barber, from page 1

very short, and he also cut family members and friends hair.

It all started when two years ago, his roommate mentioned that he needed a haircut. Choi, having the experience, offered to do it for him. Once word spread of his talents, Choi was approached by other students who wanted haircuts. His reputation is spread by the grapevine, from one satisfied customer to another prospective customer.

On average, he cuts at least ten people's hair per week. He charges \$7 per cut, which is significantly less than the cost of a haircut at a regular barber shop. There are between forty and fifty students who go to Choi to get their hair cut regularly. This semester, he

does not cut women's hair because, as he told the Scribe, "It is a lot of work and I am not too confident working with women's hair."

Something rather funny that he remarked on was the fact that, apparently just before midterms and finals, many students want to have their hair cut. Choi tries to postpone such appointments because they interfere with his own schedule as a student. He said, "it's very hard being a barber at exam time!"

He can be reached at 2177 for appointment scheduling and usually cuts hair on weekdays at nights, and on Saturdays. Just be sure to ask for Hosik the barber and not Hosik the taikwondo master or Hosik the Korean teacher.

Campus Life



Retro mood on campus

by John E. Musser \$80 for his services.

UB students gathered in the Faculty Dining Room of the Student Center last Thursday, March 26, for the 70's Retro party sponsored by the Junior Class. Over 330 students were at the party, bringing in over \$400 of revenue. Since only about \$350 was spent to put on the event, this was one of the few profit-making events of the year. The party lasted from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday night, and was a BYOB event.

Sponsored by the junior class, this event was organized by Junior Class President Lee Marrero, Vice President Anna Kostova, Alicja Dabrowska, and DJ Raphael Rodriguez, who was paid

The success of this event can be attributed in large part to the low cost of admission. Students were charged one dollar if they wore 70's attire and two dollars if they did not. Compared to most on-campus events where students are charged close to five dollars, the Retro party gave students something to do without charging a lot of money. When asked about the success of the party, Junior Class President Lee Marrero said "When you make things cheap, people are more likely to show up." This 70's party may show people who plan events in the future that money can be made without charging exorbitant prices.

Freshman class opens coffee shop

by Seemanti Borkotoky

The freshman class recently opened a new coffee shop at the Faculty Dining Room in the Student Center. The shop is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. and Sundays from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m..

It serves various kinds of coffee, espresso, cappuccino, tea, cakes, donuts, and pastries. On Saturdays, they have a special offer of a free desert with your first cup of coffee, and from next week on they plan to have specialty drinks like café au lait and café latte.

The idea to open a new coffee shop came up at a dinner table conversation. "It was just me and some friends discussing what we could do in order to improve campus life, and someone suggested a new coffee shop," says Lucas McCloud, president of the Freshman Class.

The Freshman Class seed money, \$400, was used to make the initial investment in coffee and cappuccino makers, mugs, candles and other such items. Now the shop is making enough revenue to sustain itself.

The coffee shop is basically run by 5 students — Lucas McCloud, John Musser, Ryan Skeley, Geetha Tharmarathnam, and Christopher Turcotte. When asked what would happen

to the shop when the year came to an end, Mr. McCloud said that even if he wasn't re-elected to the congress next year, he and his friends would continue to run the place as long as they were at UB.

The owners of the shop feel that it is an ideal place to go to on weekends. Lucas says "The coffee shop provides a relaxing atmosphere for people to meet. It's better than hanging out in your rooms or watching TV all the time. You can come here, and sit around and talk to your friends, or even study if you want to."

The Freshman Class is also sponsoring a party with the Black Student Alliance (BSA) on Friday night, and next Thursday they are planning a poetry night at the coffee shop.

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Recital of variety of music

by John Musser

Francis Derico performed his Senior Recital Tuesday, March 31 for a crowd of 114 students and faculty members. The recital began shortly after 7:30pm Tuesday evening in the Bernhard Center and continued for an hour and a half. The audience was the largest for any concert at UB this year.

The concert consisted of a variety of music, consisting of three parts: classical, jazz, and hard core rock music. In the classical portion of the concert, Mr. Derico was accompanied by pianist Yasue Sugita and tenor saxophonist Andrew Williams.

The jazz section featured Mr. Derico with several other jazz musicians, including drummer Arti Dixon whose noteworthy solo caused a loud response from the audience. The final segment of the concert culminated with an overwhelming performance by Mr. Derico's hard core rock band Horsewater.

The group performed three songs, completing Mr. Derico's recital and career at UB



The recital of Francis Derico enjoyed an unusually large audience Tuesday in ABC.

Derico played with Andrew Williams (above) and solo (right).



Oscar night at UB

by Fabiola Trivino

The night the world was waiting for finally arrived. On March 23, the 70th Annual Academy Awards kept most of UB students glued to their T.V sets. Five out of seven students excitedly watched the red carpet arrivals, the interviews, the gorgeous outfits, and the overall luxurious ceremony of the Oscars.

Before the event, it was not rare to hear the students commenting on the possible winners. Most of the predictions coincided with the Academy's decision.

The star film of the evening was James Cameron's "Titanic," which won 11 Oscars including best motion picture. "Good Will Hunting," "L.A Confidential," and "As Good As It Gets," each received two Oscars, and "The Full Monty" won one Oscar.

The fortunate recipients of the "Golden Dude," as actor Robin Williams called the Oscar, were Kim Basinger for her supporting actress role in "L.A Confidential," Robin

Williams for his supporting actor role in "Good Will Hunting," the three-time Oscar winner, Jack Nicholson, and Helen Hunt both won best actor/actress for their leading roles in "As Good As It Gets," and James Cameron won best director for the majestic "Titanic."

Ola Ogunye, one of the excited viewers of the event, strongly agreed with all the winners, however she emphasized on the fact that Steven Spielberg's "Amistad," deserved more nominations than the ones received. "It was a great movie," she said. Ms. Ogunye also stated that the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences should consider integrating another category into the event to recognize the talent of new stars.

Another favorite of the evening was Celine Dion and her performance of the best-song, winner, "My Heart Will Go On," from the movie "Titanic." Several students said they considered it very

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Miscellaneous

Acrylic paintings at UB gallery

by Diana Vaptzarova 25th this year.

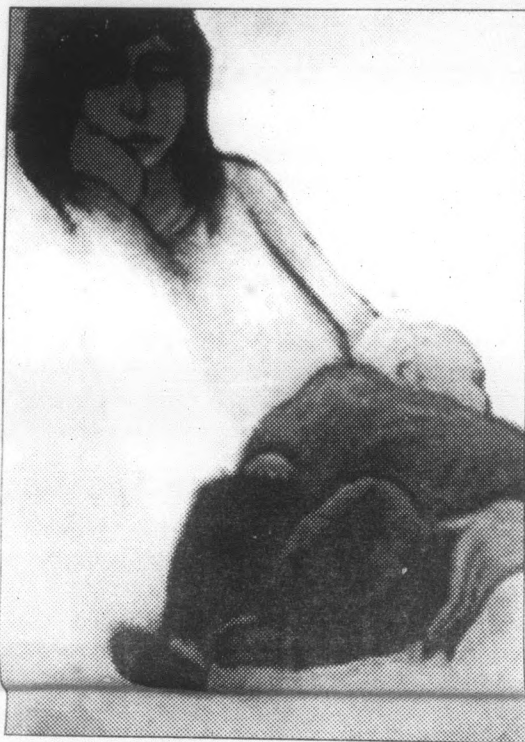
He was inspired to paint mothers and their babies when a model who couldn't find a baby-sitter had to bring her baby to one of his classes at the Montana State University.

Tonight, from 5 to 8 p.m. is the opening reception to Neil Jussila's solo exhibition. His collection called In the Classic Tradition: Maternal Works by Neil Jussila, is a series of acrylic paintings on the theme of mothers and their babies and will be featured at The University Gallery from April 1st to April

Neil Jussila was born and raised in Butte, Montana by a Christian Finnish family. Butte, a place surrounded by beautiful mountain peaks, was his first inspiration to create art. Jussila graduated from Montana State University, where he is now an arts professor. The series of acrylic paintings in his maternal collection is a sensitive and sincere study of the intimate relationship between a mother and a child. He spent the past two years interpreting maternal relationships and what he especially liked about them was the sense of the mindfulness such work demanded.

To Jussila there are two categories of art: one is "controlling, repressed and pretentious," the other - "free... full of spirit and life." He chose the second one, which represents his philosophy about fortuity. "For I watch in awe as the painting comes alive; seems to paint itself... in spite of me..." He believes that painting is always an instinctive act of creativity. To him art exists independently of man.

"My work is an expression of energy and freedom and discovery and curiosity. It is a visual form of music. It is visual poetry... It was my fortune to have been encouraged to become a painter because I could not really live any other way..."



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significant that Celine Dion was wearing the famous "Heart of the Ocean," one of the icons of the film.

The absence of Leonardo DiCaprio, the leading actor in "Titanic," was strongly criticized by the viewers. "I think that as one of the cast members of the star movie of the night, he should have been present to support his co-workers, instead of being so self-centered just because he was not nominated. This definitely diminishes,

in a great scale, his character of 'Jack'," Ms. Ogunye said.

Students also praised the Academy Awards flashbacks and the original stage. "I loved the idea of showing all the past winners because that shows the meaning of the Oscars now and then. Besides, that brought memories to a lot of people," Beylul Solomon said. Ms. Solomon also mentioned how beautifully crafted the stage was and how most UB students thought that the walking-through the Oscar images was very significant.



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"Wrong development at a wrong area," one of the speakers shouted. Some speakers explained that Sea Side Park and Sea Side Village are precious properties of the government and its citizens do not want the danger of pollution to bring an end to it.

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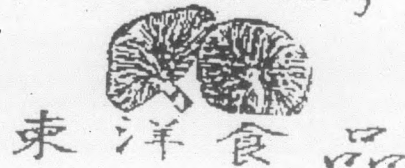
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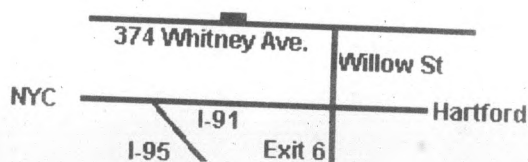
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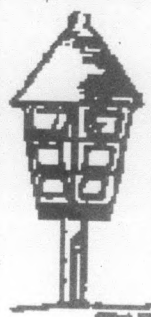
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Sports

Baseball

Challenge that lies ahead

by Dale Carnegie

During spring break, a lot of UB students got the chance to get some rest and relaxation, but this wasn't the case for UB's men's baseball team.

These athletes spent their vacation playing some hard core baseball, against some of the best teams on the east coast.

The men's baseball team came back from spring break in Florida with a respectable record, and a renewed sense of confidence. UB's baseball team gave it their all and finished with a record of 2-3. Unfortunately the

men's return home wasn't as friendly as the road.

Upon their return home, they faced Mercy College on the road. It was a hard fought game, but unfortunately, UB suffered a heart-breaking loss at the hands of Mercy college.

The final score in this game was 4-3. Mercy showed UB no love as they scored on a very poor defensive play by UB in the late innings to steal the victory away from UB.

UB really needed that game against Mercy, because their next opponent would be the mighty Albany Danes. Albany has been on a tear in

this league.

They have the power and the depth to destroy opposing teams.

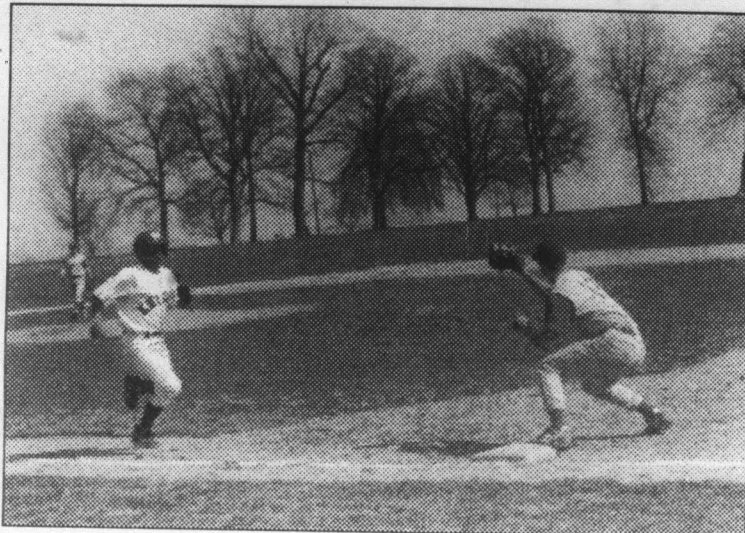
Albany scorched UB in a he first game of the double header on Saturday. They shut out UB 11-0, and continued their onslaught on

UB in the second game of the double-header. UB was clearly no match for Albany, and, unfortunately for us, UB stepped in the path of a team that is headed for NCAA Division One.

Albany didn't hurt UB as much as UB hurt themselves that day. The UB batters were hitting nothing but air in the double-header. Albany's pitcher took a no-hitter into the sixth inning until Vinny Arjune broke it up with a base hit to right field.

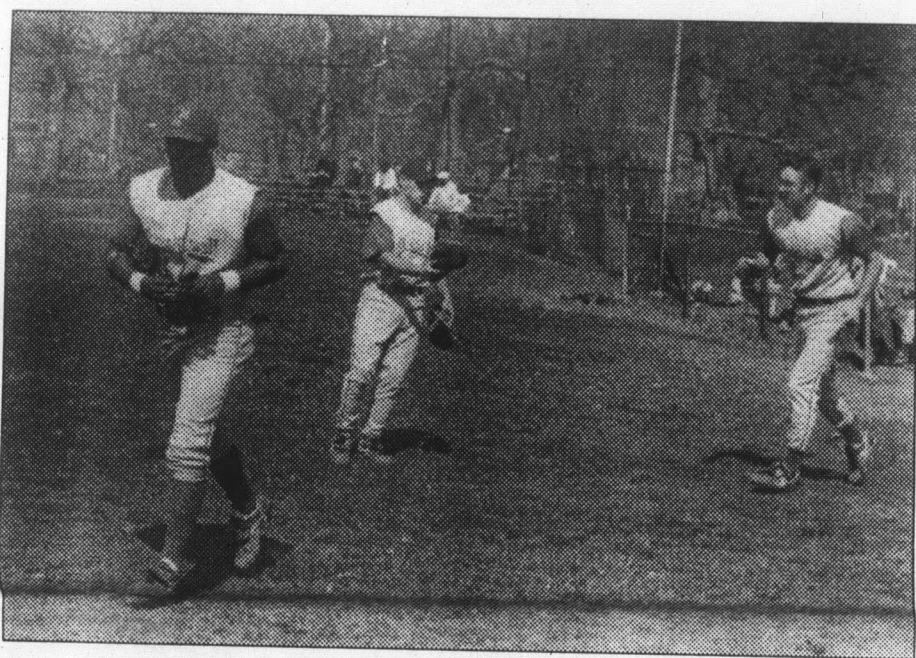
The second and final hit for UB was an infield hit by Paul Kular. Coach Baptista said that, "in order to win games, this team is going to have to produce offensively."

The UB men when into Sunday's game against Albertus Magnus College with a head of steam. After the two



embarrassing losses to Albany on Saturday, the UB players had only one thing on their minds and that was to win against Albertus Magnus. They did just that, UB feasted on Albertus pitching, touching them up for 12 runs in the game. UB looked very impressive in their win over Albertus, with a final score of 12-3.

According to Coach Baptista his team did make some very costly error during the early stages of the game. Fortunately, UB played well enough to overcome the errors. UB holds on to a 3-6 record after Sunday's victory. UB still has their work cut out for them this season. According to Coach Baptista, UB has yet to win a game against a good team.



Softball

Lady Knights with a tough start

by Dale Carnegie

The ladies who swing the heavy metals started their season on Saturday; in a double header against Albany. UB's softball team headed by Debra Larson came to the ball park with their gun fully loaded and their bats ready to blaze. The UB women were prepared to get down and dirty.

These ladies have been working extremely hard in spring training; UB is definitely ready to turn some heads this season. This softball team is composed of some very talented athletes that play more than one sport here at UB. The softball team has athletes from soccer, volleyball, and basketball. Each of these fine athlete have something special to contribute to this multi-talented team.

Unfortunately the beginning of the season has left a lot of desire. After five games UB is yet to claim a win. The road didn't look any better for UB with The University of New Haven coming into town for a double header on Tuesday. New Haven is well known around league; they have one of the finest team in the league.

The UB women didn't back down from New Haven; they gave it a gallant effort against New Haven, but



unfortunately New Haven was too much for UB to handle. UB lost the first game of the double header nine to zero. New Haven show everyone watching the game why they are one of the best.

Despite the blowout in the first, UB gather themselves and gave New Haven a run for their money in the second game. UB took a four to three lead into the late innings of the game.

Unfortunately New Haven put together a few runs to take the lead five to four. Things looked grim for UB, but the Knights wouldn't say die; they came back the every next inning and stashed the lead away from New Haven.

The UB softball team did everything in their power to win this game, but New Haven supply played better ball. New Haven took full advantage

of UB's errors and product runs from them. Those errors made by UB handed the game to New Haven.

New Haven played like champions; they held their heads high after UB took the lead more than once in the late innings. New Haven ran when ever they got the chance, and played heads up softball throughout the game.

UB's noble effort proved to be insufficient, but UB didn't walk away with nothing. These ladies gain a little more experience, and mental toughness. The UB softball team has some very proud athletes that are not easily discourage. They prove that against New Haven; UB stuck to their guns and played New Haven with all their heart.

The UB softball team desires a lot of credit for why and how they play the game of softball. This team is very young and the roster is hurting from lack of people, but despite these hurdles this team still takes everything in stride, and the played the game with pride. It going to be a long a tedious season for the UB Knights, but don't expect this team give up in the middle. These ladies are driven by determination and pride and they won't let any stop them from doing what they love.